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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM SHAH

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT FROM THE SHAH
IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF JULY 1:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I THANK YOU VERY CORDIALLY FOR
YOUR LETTER OF JULY 1, 1974, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH I HAVE
NOTED WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST.

IT IS INDEED A SOURCE OF UNBOUNDED SATISFACTION FOR ME TO
OBSERVE THE FIRM BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
LINKING IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TOGETHER,
BASED AS THEY ARE ON MUTUAL TRUST AND CORDIAL UNDER-
STANDING. THESE RELATIONS ARE CONTINUOUSLY BEING
STRENGTHENED BY OUR VERY CLOSE AND BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHE
IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE
WIDE RANGE OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS AND THE NUMEROUS
ACTIVITIES THAT WE ARE JOINTLY PURSUING BEAR VIVID TESTI-
MONY TO THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS GROWN BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES OVER THE YEARS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HOW MUCH I
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APPRECIATE YOUR GREAT PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CON-

SOLIDATION OF OUR TIES AND YOUR DEEP ABIDING INTEREST
AND UNDERSTANDING FOR IRAN AND ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD TODAY.
THE DEEP PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN
US IS ONE THAT I HAVE ALWAYS HIGHLY VALUED.

I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO
VISIT MY COUNTRY THIS SPRING. HOWEVER, IT IS WITH GREAT
SATISFACTION THAT I HAVE NOTED THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS
OF YOUR VISITS TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST
AND OF YOUR CURRENT VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. I FULLY
WELCOME THE SHARP SHIFT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE
POLITICAL DIRECTION OF THE KEY ARAB NATIONS AND I AM SURE
THAT THIS TOGETHER WITH YOUR FRUITFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE SOVIET LEADERS WHICH HAS CULMINATED IN A NEW AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION
TO LIMIT MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEMS AND TO MAKE NEW EFFORTS
TO RESTRICT OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL PAVE THE WAY
FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND DURABLE STRUCTURE OF
PEACE IN THE WORLD. I ALSO DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR
CONSTANT STAND ON THE ISSUES AFFECTING THE MIDDLE EAST
AND I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF
DISCUSSING WITH YOU WAYS AND MEANS OF INCREASING THE
COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN DIVERSE
DOMAINS.

AS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY OF INDEPENDENCE TAKES PLACE
TOMORROW, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY MY WARMEST CONGRATULA-
TIONS TO YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO WISH YOU
EVERY HAPPINESS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE ADMIRABLE
WORK YOU ARE DOING FOR YOUR NATION.
MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI, JULY 3, 1974 UNQUOTE. SISCO

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